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The Connecticut Motorcycle Riders Association would like to thank the Transportation Committee Co-Chairs Senator Maynard and Representative Guerrero, and all Committee Members for your time and consideration today. The CMRA would like to express opposition to Proposed Bill No. 5187, "An act requiring annual safety inspections for all motor vehicles." The CMRA also opposes Proposed Bill No. 6021, "An act concerning inspections for motor vehicles with over one hundred thousand miles."

The CMRA understands the concerns of this Committee for road safety improvements in Connecticut. Bills No. 5187 and 6021 are not the solution.

Motorcyclists are multiple vehicle owners in CT. Since inspections usually take 1-2 hours, with consideration to travel time estimated, the average multiple vehicle owner would need 2-4 hours to comply with inspections.

A few facts about vehicle inspections:

- Newer vehicles built after 2007 are already equipped with computer diagnostic systems, motorcycles included. The majority of vehicles on the roadways were manufactured after 2007.
- There is no proof that vehicle inspection programs have anything to do with safer roadways. Ironically, in a NHTSA "State Traffic Data" report, DC and New Jersey traffic fatalities dropped after both states eliminated their inspections.
- The report also showed that "acts of nature" and poor driving skills of vehicle operators were the main reasons for the largest causes of accidents and mechanical failures were the absolute lowest percentage of crash causation.
- New Jersey dropped the vehicle inspection program with a quoted \$12 million loss per year to tax payers due to more modern technology in vehicles lessening repair costs.
- There were 31 states with inspection stations in the country in 1976. Since then, 15 states have dropped the program. Roadway accidents have continually dropped on a national average and equipment has progressively improved.

In conclusion, it is hoped that the Transportation Committee may opt for alternative options for encouraging safer drivers on the roadways. The majority of the vehicles operated are already technologically and safer equipped in this day and age.